

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: CO-060-002

Acreage: 10.5

Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Description

This unit of BLM land identified as CO-060-002 is adjacent to the Uncompahgre Wilderness meeting the size requirement criteria. The northern and eastern border is the Uncompahgre Wilderness with private land as the western border and the Alpine Loop (3303) to the south. This parcel was excluded from the American Flats Wilderness Study Area (WSA) and Uncompahgre Wilderness due to "unnaturalness" during previous LWC inventory conducted by the Montrose BLM in 1979.

(1) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Description

At only 10.5 acres, CO-060-002 does appear to be natural along a steep, up-hill section from the Alpine Loop (3303).

(2) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Description

This small parcel is a steep, up-hill section in plain view of the Alpine Loop (3303) which receives heavy vehicle traffic during the summer months. However, when considered in the context of being adjacent to the larger Uncompahgre Wilderness area, it does provide outstanding opportunities for solitude.

Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Description

This small parcel is a steep, up-hill section from the Alpine Loop (3303). However, when considered in the context of being adjacent to the larger Uncompahgre Wilderness area, it does provide outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

(3) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historic value)?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Description

This parcel contains a low level of lynx habitat.

Summary of Analysis

Area Unique Identifier: CO-060-002

Result of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive or unconfined type of recreation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Check one

X The area, or portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

Prepared by (team members):

John Millea

Corrie Barbour

(Name, Title, Date)

Reviewed by District or Field Manager:

Name: Brian S. [Signature] Title: Field Manager
Date: 7/25/13

*This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.